

MINUTES OF CASE COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD JANUARY 12, 1965

Present: Miss Duffy  
Mrs. Warren  
Mrs. Rosenberg

Mr. Baldwin  
Mrs. Casey  
Mr. Kilduff

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Study Classroom  
of low level groups  
Essexfields - Rehabilitation School  
dropouts - fresh out of  
offenders - New York State College*

At a meeting of the Case Committee held this date, Mr. Kilduff, in the absence of Mr. Schein, reviewed what had transpired since the last meeting. At the last meeting the Essexfields Project was discussed and also the research project with the Newark School System entitled "The call to learning: The Victoria Plan". He informed the committee that \$10,000 had already been received from the Victoria Foundation for the Family Service Bureau's part in the project. The Essexfields Project will get underway either in the latter part of January or the first part of February, according to Mr. Meyers, the coordinator for the project at the Welfare Federation. Approval has already been granted by the federal government. Mrs. Mary Pawcett will head up the project for our agency and a new staff person has been hired, John Egan, who will work with Mrs. Pawcett. The agency will be reimbursed for the salaries of the two individuals, plus \$1,400 for supervision.

The committee discussed the two projects in detail and were impressed with the progress made in research areas in the past year.

Mrs. Casey informed the group that she had two Parent Discussion Groups, one at Quitman St. School and the other at Morton St. School. Quitman St. School was in the 9th session and the Morton St. in the 5th session. Many interesting facts have been gathered from these group discussions. A third group discussion will begin at the Cleveland School sometime in January, as part of the research project under the Victoria Plan.

Mr. Kilduff brought to the attention of the Case Committee that recently he had been approached by the Jewish Family & Counseling Agency and a representative from the Essex County Assn. for Mental Retardation, and Mr. Meyer Schreiber, Consultant on Social Services to the Mentally Retarded, Children's Bureau, Dept. of Health, Education & Welfare. Mr. Greenberg and Mr. Schreiber explained there was concern at the present time in the Health & Welfare Field of the services being rendered to parents and families of children who were mentally retarded. Many Mentally Retarded Associations deal principally with the child, and throughout the life of the mentally retarded child, many crises situations arise at which times the family, the individual and relatives need an agency to help them. Mr. Schreiber felt because of the knowledge and wealth of experience family agencies possess,

whether they be sectarian or non-sectarian, in handling people with problems, and since the family in which a mentally retarded person belongs, is a family with a problem, there is reason to believe more services would be rendered by family agencies than is presently given. Mr. Greenberg and Mrs. Stone from the Essex County Assn. for Retarded Children, told of the Family Service Bureau and the Jewish Family & Counseling Agency and the B. C. Mentally Retarded Unit were to combine together in developing a research project for submission to the National Institute of Mental Health for the purpose of receiving a grant to study how agencies like ours with vast knowledge of handling people and families with problems could work together to ascertain how they could best serve this group. It might be profitable not only to the agencies involved but to the entire field of social work.

We could best serve this type of family.

The question posed to the Family Service Bureau was would the Board of Trustees of Family Service Bureau be willing to invest \$1,000 for a three month period matched by \$1,000 each from the Jewish Family & Counseling Agency and the B. C. Mental Retardation Unit in hiring a qualified individual charged with the responsibility of formulating a research project for submission to the National Institute of Mental Health to ascertain how our services could be extended to care for this type of family problem within our community.

The Case Committee discussed the pros and cons of the project and it was their consensus, after discussion, the basic principles of the project had merit. However, Mr. Baldwin asked if there were not foundations in existence which might provide the \$3,000 necessary to hire the coordinator to write the project in a three month period. Mr. Kilgurt indicated there probably were Foundations that would provide such funds. However, at this time he was not acquainted with them. The committee suggested he look into such Foundations with the other two agencies. After an extended discussion, the committee unanimously approved recommending to the Board of Trustees at the January meeting the participation of Family Service Bureau in this project and the expenditure of \$1,000, after exploration of Foundations that might provide the necessary funds for preparing such a research project, and on the condition the other two agencies Boards of Directors approved a similar expenditure.

Mr. Schain who was absent from the meeting will be made aware of the action taken by the Case Committee and will be asked to submit this to the Board of Trustees at the January Meeting.

The next meeting of the Case Committee will be on February 9th.

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